### Administrative Notice DMMA-10-2007

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: July 31, 2007

# SUBJECT: ANNUAL INCREASE IN COMMUNITY SPOUSE MINIMUM MONTHLY MAINTENANCE NEEDS ALLOWANCE

### **BACKGROUND**

Under Section 1924 of the Social Security Act, the minimum monthly maintenance needs standard for the community spouse is increased on July 1 each year. In addition, the excess shelter amount and family allowance increases on July 1.

### **DISCUSSION**

The figures below are based on federal poverty levels published prior to July 1 each year. Section 1924 of the Social Security Act requires July 1 as the effective date.

Effective July 1, 2007, the increased amounts are:		7/2006	7/2007
A. Allow	Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs rance (150% of FPL for 2)	\$1650.00	\$1712.00
B.	Excess Shelter (30% of A)	\$ 495.00	\$ 514.00
C.	Family Allowance (1/3 of A)	\$ 550.00	\$ 571.00

DCIS II will update the need standard for the community spouse, excess shelter, and the family allowance.

## **ACTION REQUIRED**

None

### **DIRECT INQUIRIES TO**

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Signed - August 1, 2007

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